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Memorandum for: The Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: S. J. Res. 96

1. Senator Wiley, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has written the Director requesting CIA comments on S. J. Res. 96, which establishes a Commission on Governmental Use of International Telecommunications to study and recommend measures which will encourage the effective use of this medium, especially television, in fostering cooperation and mutual understanding among the free nations of the world. This proposal has now passed the Senate.

2. The proposed reply prepared by AD/OSI, which is attached at Tab C, should not be signed in view of the fact that it refers to certain reports and activities of the Executive Branch, of which the Committee may not be aware, and in any event the comments are now moot. For this reason, it is recommended that the Director sign the letter attached as Tab D.

3. In view of the fact that senior CIA officials feel that the Commission established under S. J. Res. 96 would tend to confuse the issue rather than aid in present activities, it is recommended that the Director make these views known to General Cutler and Mr. C. D. Jackson at the White House, and that Legislative Counsel be authorized to bring these views informally to the attention of Mr. Harlow, who handles House matters on the White House staff.

4. A more detailed analysis of these matters is attached herewith.

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